COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF GTE MOBILNET INCORPORATED)
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A)
PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FACILITY IN)
THE CINCINNATI-DAYTON MAJOR TRADING AREA	CASE NO.
("MTA") WHICH INCLUDES BOONE, KENTON,	97-126
CAMPBELL, GALLATIN, GRANT, PENDLETON,)
BRACKEN, MASON, LEWIS, GREENUP, CARTER,)
BOYD, ELLIOTT, LAWRENCE, JOHNSON, MARTIN,)
FLOYD AND PIKE COUNTIES, KENTUCKY ("CVG 43/)
CARPENTER FACILITY"))

ORDER

The Commission has received the attached letters from George A. Laker, Raymond J. Richardson, Erin Richardson, Omer Meyers, Shirley Morrison, and Linda Wamsley (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Petitioners") regarding the proposed personal communication services facility to be located off Winters Lane near Cold Spring, Campbell County, Kentucky.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. GTE Mobilnet Incorporated ("GTE Mobilnet") shall respond to Petitioners' concerns by certified letter, within 10 days from the date of this Order.
- 2. GTE Mobilnet shall file a copy of the certified letter and dated receipt, within 7 days of the date on the receipt.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of April, 1997.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director

For the Commission

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April 5, 1997

Executive Director's Office Public Service Commission Of Kentucky Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, Ky 40602

Re: Public Notice- Public Service Commission of Kentucky, (CVG 43/Carpenter Facility) Case No. 97-126

The following are reasons why we did not wish to have the Cellular Tower located at this site.

- 1. Health hazard: It has not been proven that it does not cause health problems.
- 2. Children being within the Radius: We have small grandchildren that play in the yard which is with in the 500 radius of the tower.
- 3. The decrease in value of our property: We have 4 lots that are affected by this tower.
- 4. Damage to the road: The road at this point is dangerous and tore up enough without bring construction down here.
- 5. Purchase of cattle and horses: I have been told that cattle can not be within 500 Radius of the tower.

Please take my sincere concerns into consideration before you decide to build this Cellular Tower.

Sincerely,

George A Laker

494 Winders Lane Cold Spring Ky 41076

488 Winters Lane Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076 March 20, 1997

Executive Director's Office
Public Service Commission of Kentucky
Post Office Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Case Number 97-126

Gentlemen:

In regard to the proposed cellular tower by GTE on Winter's Lane, I am writing to express my concerns over this facility. first concerns is the devaluing of the properties surrounding the This is a very narrow country lane, and difficult to paint the center line correctly, and more traffic will only cause more problems. The roadway has been slipping and extra traffic will add There is also the problem of the slipping of the hill itself where the proposed access road to the tower is being built. Also since this is a hill situation my concerns regarding excess drainage onto my property which will be directly beside the access road and below the tower site itself worries me, as we are already experiencing drainage problems since the under brush is being cleared away in this location. We are also concerned about lightening strikes around the tower as it is a wooded area. section of Winters Lane has no city water and residents depend upon cistern water. Good though it may be, we are serviced by a volunteer fire department. Should a hillside fire break out in a hot dry season it would be very hard, if not impossible, to protect my property. I also think in the country setting adding the hill into the mix would only serve to attract people on dirt and off road vehicles over which we would have no control. I also have health questions which no agency seems to want to address.

I have been told by my attorney that any damage from this facility GTE and Mr. Carpenter will both be liable for since the land is leased, but this gives little comfort since it has been my home for twenty-eight years and I do not want to leave. We also question the stability of the towers in wind and ice storms.

As I understand it, there are options to placing towers such as the use of bridges and even existing utility poles, so I do not understand why these towers must be built on residential property where the residents do not want them. Other states are using these methods to provide space on public and commercial sites, which brings the revenue to the state and local governments, which Kentucky certainly needs.

I of course realize this commission has no control over this law, but it is a bad law and must be changed. You do, however, have the option and obligation to take each proposed site into consideration and protect our neighborhoods and families in Kentucky until the law can be changed. Your help is greatly needed and will be ever so appreciated.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Richardson

488 Winters Lane

Cold Spring, Kentucky

(606) 441-4236

Enclosure

cc: Campbell County Fiscal Court

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

488 Winters Lane Cold Spring, Kentucky March 3, 1997

Public Service Commission 730 Shankley Lane Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

I am very concerned about the construction of cellular antenna towers in my residential area. As this seems to be a problem facing the entire state I could like to see a comprehensive study done to decide best where to place these utilities to bring income into the state and at the same time protect our residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Erin Richardson

CASE NUMBER 97-126

Omer Meyers

524 Winters Lane

Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076

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Executive Director's Office Public Service Commission of Kentucky Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that GTE has leased the property at 480 Winters Lane from Mr. Woodrow Carpenter to erect a PCS tower. This is not acceptable to my neighbors or myself. You must take into account the character of the area and the effect that this installation will have on our land and values. Please, do not allow this facility to continue to develop their cell site on this property. It is a peaceful and rare plot of land that is untouched and tucked in between city limits. Second and third generations of families are living in this area.

Winters Lane is a very narrow, winding road. The heavy equipment trucks will cause a disaster digging and hauling out dirt. This narrow road will be covered with mud when the Spring rains come. This access road leading to the tower is asking for trouble. There will be flooding and it will take more of our tax dollars to preserve Winters Lane. Ask GTE to consider using extenders on telephone poles or mount the extenders on our bridges that run parallel to Cincinnati and Campbell County off Winters Lane. Instead of costing the state extra money to maintain Winters Lane because of this excavation at site 480, Kentucky could bring in revenue by placing these towers on highways like the state of Ohio is doing.

Years ago, the government put restrictions on erecting billboards because they were considered eyesores. I would much rather look at a tasteful billboard any day, instead of a 150 foot, metal, pyramid tower with flashing lights at night. This area is not commercially zoned. We are county and want to stay this way. I assume that the lights will be flashing to keep the airplanes from crashing into the tower. It will be an extended runway for airplanes in the sky.

Are you aware that this area does not have city water? We depend on our cisterns as the only source of water. There is no way that our volunteer Fire Department could even confine a fire if it was started on that hill by lightning striking GTE's tower. Again, only innocent people will be affected and possibly lose everything that they have worked so hard for.

I understand that the commission has no control over HOUSE BILL 20, but you can evaluate each proposed site and make an exception for Winters Lane. As of today, March 23rd, our small community has accumulated 130 plus signatures opposing the erection of this tower in our area. I am asking you to stop the erection of this tower in our rural area where we do not have access to city water. Please, stop this disaster before it happens.

Sincerely,

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Shirley Morrison/Linda Wamsley 487 Winters Lane Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076 (606) 441-5600

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Subject: Case Number 97-126 (Cellular Tower by GTE on Winters Lane)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Gentlemen:

First of all, let us say that we are not the type of people to stand in the way of progress. But, at what cost to the residents on Winter's Lane are you asking us to ignore the erection of GTE's PCS towers? GTE should take into account where they are erecting their towers. Our family wants GTE to find an alternate site or consider using the local bridges or telephone poles to install their antennas, or line the interstate highways with their towers and the states can collect extra revenue.

- These towers are spoiling the rural landscape. This structure will lower our property value. Soon when our friends and family come to visit, they will sit in the swing on our lovely gazebo, instead of looking at the beautiful hillside they will view GTE's PCS tower. At what price do we need to see this kind of progress?
- We do not have access to city water lines and our local Fire Department consists of volunteers. Every family in the immediate area of this tower is at risk if this tower is struck by lightening. What if the airplanes from Lunken Airport collide into this structure? How will the local Fire Department be able to save our lives and property?
- GTE's access road will only cause more flooding on Winter's Lane. This road has constant maintenance due to slippage. The residents do not need any more traffic from utility vehicles or water drainage to increase our problems. More traffic and run-off water will only cause our bridges and rock walls to slide. Who will be held responsible for this property damage?
- We have heard that once a tower is erected in your immediate area, that your television and phone reception, is very poor. Who is going to pay for private satellite dishes to compensate for the poor reception problem?
- Since there are no know written statistics on health issues, who will our survivors contact in twenty years? I am undergoing medical tests right now. Will this tower increase my chances for cancer, heart disease, lung disease, liver disease or bone disorders, etc? Do you have medical statistics contrary to these beliefs?

The law is in place, but we are asking you to research and find an alternative solution for GTE to provide our community with their cellular service. Please, do not destroy what our families and friends have spent their entire lives to improve and develop.

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